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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Special Correspondent.

COL. HENDERSON can hardly be said to have opened headquarters, since his unanimous nomination to be Speaker by the Republican caucus, was assured many months ago, but he is in his office daily and is glad to have members of the House call and talk to him about their committee assignments. There will be nothing even remotely resembling a shake-up among the old chairmen of the House except in cases where they express a wish for a change, they are likely to get their old places - but there are several important chairmanships vacant. For instance, that of the Committee on the Judiciary which was filled by Col. Henderson in the last House, and that of the Committee on Banking and Currency, held by Mr. Joseph Walker, of Massachusetts, who was not a candidate for relection to the present House. Whether the tanking Republicans on those Committees will be made chairmen or new men be put at their heads, is a question that Col. Henderson will decide, and he declines to say publicly one word about either the committees or the work of Congress, saying that he prefers acts to do his talking. There is some talk about a change in the House rules, but the confidence of members of the House in Col. Henderson is so great that it is perfectly safe to say that his wishes will be allowed to govern the matter entirely, and that any changes made will be upon his suggestions.

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President McKinley and Speaker-to be- Henderson are the closest of friends personally as well as politically, and the first thing Col. Henderson did after his arrival in Washington, for the session of Congress, was to call at the White House and hold a long conference with the President on the work that is expected to be accomplished at this session. This personal harmony between the President and the man who will preside over the House, augurs well for the country and for the Republican party; it means that the executive and legislative branches of the government are to work together much smoother than they did in the last Congress. The President and Mr. Reed were never the slightest bit unfriendly in their personal relations, but there were several important questions of party policy in which they were not only not in accord but were actually antagonistic in their opinions. This naturally led to embarassment, and in some cases to the failure altogether of legislation which the President would like to have seen put through Congress, but would not attempt to push because of his belief that Mr. Reed's opposition would give the Democrats an opportunity to say that the party in the House was divided into factions, led by himself and Mr. Reed. In the coming Congress, the President and the Speaker of the House will work together in all things, and the result is bound to be beneficial both to the country and to the party.

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The Board which has been considering the bids recently submitted to the Navy Department, for the construction of the six armored cruisers provided for by the last Congress, has recommended that each of the following firms shall be awarded a contract to build one cruiser: Union Iron Works, San Francisco: Lewis Nixon (Crescent Ship-Building Works), Elizabethport, New Jersey; Bath Iron Works, Bath, Me.; Trigg Ship Building Company, Richmond, Va.; Fore River Engine Company, Braintree, Mass., and Neafie and Levy, Philadelphia, Pa. The recommendation must be acted upon by Secretary Long, before it becomes effective, but there is no doubt of its approval. The price for each cruiser, exclusive of armor, slightly exceeds one million dollars.

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Owing to the large Republican majority in the Senate of the Congress shortly to assemble, the Senate Committees will be changed so as to give the Republicans nine of the committee having thirteen members and seven of those having eleven. This will make the Finance Committee anti-silver for the first time in years, and will insure the prompt reporting of any financial bill that the Republican leaders may wish to pass. This will be a fair apportionment of the committee memberships, as the Republicans will have fifty-one Senators, without taking account of the four vacancies one each from California, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Utah if Senator Hayward, of Nebr. lives, and fifty if he dies and is succeed d by a dem pop, while there are only thirty-five Senators—twenty-eight democrats and seven populists or silver Republicans,—on the opposition side. It will not cause any silver Senator to be removed from the Finance Committee, as there are two vacancies left by the retirement of White and Turpie; these will simply be filled by Republicans which will make the committee stand seven gold to six silver men.

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Jeweler—Oh, darling, your eyes are like diamonds, your lips are like rubies, your teeth are like pearls, your hair—

She (interrupting)—Come, Carl, dont always talk shop so!

DEATH OF GYPSY KING

His Costly Wagons Burned and the Horses Killed

The King of the Gypsies passed away with the death of old Seth Lovell, at Sharp's Hotel, Forty-eight and Market streets, on Monday night. All of his belongings—wagons, harness, clothes, linen and ornaments, some rare, some beautiful—all valuable, were heaped together in a huge pile on the lot back of the hotel, well saturated with oil and set on fire. The seven wagons thus destroyed were worth over $500 each. They were miniature dwellings, and were fitted up inside with the most exquisite furnishings imaginable. Forty sets of gaudy harness were burned, along with innumerable articles designed for domestic use.

Lovell and his tribe had made no less than four trips around the world. The old man, who claimed to be nearly 100 years of age, although he scarcely looked over 65 or 70, always carried large sums of money with him, and the jewelry worn by Queen Lovell, a woman of some 70 years, is not only very valuable, but remarkably beautiful,

HIS ARABIAN HORSES KILLED

The Arabian horses which drew the regal van of the Lovells were led to the side of the burning pile and deliberately killed by Ronald Raey, who seemed to be conducting the weird ceremonies under the personal direction of Queen Lovell, who would not leave the spot until the last thing owned or used by her departed lord had been given to the flames.

As the fire died down and the great crowd passed from the scene, the old woman and the members of her tribe wrapped themselves in their blankets and, stretching out on the ground, went peacefully to sleep with their feet close to the charred remains of all that belonged to their dead King.

"'TIS OUR WAY."

Queen Lovell refused to say anything concerning the singular performance beyond the single expression "'Tis our way." She has ordered a new outfit of wagons, and four new horses will be secured for her van, and as soon as they are ready the tribe will leave Philadelphia and never appear here again under any circumstances.

The burial of King Lovell was a very simple affair. The tribe assembled about the grave and chanted several unintelligible odes and left the place before even the first spadeful of earth had been thrown into the grave. The period of mourning for the King will cover one year.—Philadelphia Record, Nov. 19.h.

A Narrow Escape

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four Doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Saviour, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God, I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at Vaughan's Pharmacy.

Regular size 50c. and $1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded.

"Adolph, where is the letter I left on my desk?" "I mailed it, sir."

"But I hadn't put the name and address on the envelope." "That's just it, sir—I supposed it was an anonymous letter.

NIAGARA FALLS EXCURSIONS

Low-Rate Vacation Trips via Pennsylvania Railroad

September 7 and 21 and October 5 and 19 are the dates of the remaining Pennsylvania Railroad popular ten-day excursions to Niagara Falls from Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, and intermediate points.

Excursion tickets, good for return passage on any regular train, exclusive of limited express trains, within ten days, will be sold at $10.00 from Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and all points on the Delaware Division; $11.25 from Atlantic City; $9.60 from Lancaster; $8.50 from Altoona and Harrisburg; $6.90 from Sunbury and Wilkesbarre; $5.75 from Williamsport; and at proportionate rates from other points. A stopover will be allowed at Buffalo, Rochester, Canandaigua, and Watkins within the limit returning.

A special train of Pullman cars and day coaches will be run with each excursion. An extra charge will be made for parlor-car seats.

An experienced tourist agent and chaperon will accompany each excursion.

Tickets for a side trip to the Thousand Islands (Alexandria Bay) will be sold from Rochester in connection with excursions of September 7 and 21, good to return to Rochester or to Canandaigua via Syracuse within five days, at rate of $5.50.

Tickets for a side trip to Toronto will be sold at Niagara Falls for $1.00 on September 23. In connection with excursion of September 7, tickets will be sold to Toronto and return at reduced rates, account Toronto Fair.

For pamphlets giving full information and hotels, and for time of connecting trains, apply to nearest ticket agent, or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

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For Republican Defeat and Republican Party Divisions.

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HOW REPUBLICANS MAY WIN

From Sussex Republican, Nov., 18th, 1899.

The Addicksites seek to deceive the people by their profession of intense interest in the welfare and success of the Republican party, and seek to place the blame of the present conditions of affairs existing in that party upon the other fellows. The responsibility for the present condition of the Republican party rests with Addicks and his supporters, and with them alone. The responsibility of any continued division in the future rests with them.

They have in the past, preferred Mr. Addicks to the Republican party. His welfare and success, has been apparently the first desire of their hearts, and the object of their intrigues. It is the same to-day. The question for Republican voters to consider is not—"whether it is not better to accept Addicks rather than defeat"—but do we prefer success to Addicks? It is well for all men of Republican proclivities to understand that success of the Republican party and Mr. Addicks cannot go hand in hand. You must take your choice. If you prefer Mr. Addicks and defeat, you will have to abide by the consequence of such a choice. If on the other hand you prefer the success of the Republican party to Addicks, you will have to let him go and turn in and do what you can for the Republican party. Do not deceive yourself, nor permit yourself to be deceived by the promise of any Addick's adherent. You know what their promises are worth. They have not even kept their promises made last election, to pay certain men to vote. It is not worth while to mince words in this connection. Addicks and defeat go hand in hand. He always defeats the party, when he cannot win and the Republicans are in a position to turn the tables by defeating him. Addicks is the issue now as he has been in the past and will continue to be until he is eventually disposed of. If his adherents want to defeat the Republican party by insisting upon pushing him and his Senatorial ambition forward as the issue in the next campaign, the Republican party will not dodge it, but will meet it just as in the past, and you know the result. You know the consequence. You know the lost. If you have political ambitions and thirst to serve your State and country, by filling an office, you will have to continue to thirst if you stick to Addicks, because that means defeat. It is just possible that his money, or the hope of getting some of it, may allay the thirst. If the latter is the case we leave you to visions of a prison cell and a forfeited franchise as a reminder of its accompanying dangers. We hope our readers will excuse our bluntness, but we do not want to be misunderstood and we do not want you to be deceived. Every one of you know the condition of the Republican party since Addicks has taken part in Delaware politics.

It is very well to boast of a fine Union Republican organization, but you know that it has never won a victory or elected one single man in this country alone. We are ready to admit that it is a pretty good organization for distributing money before or after election day. It may be a good money making scheme for some, but as a political machine, it is a failure. It has not won success and never will. It can buy floaters on election day and in the Legislature, but that is no particular credit to its good name, and that didn't win.

The Republican party, of the Eagle brand, may not be quite as numerous as the sands of the sea, nor particular boastful, but as a winner can show a pretty clean record since the advent of Addicks.

Do not forget that the latter's Senatorial ambition has been the issue, and we all know who has been the winner. If it is still the issue, can you pick the winner? If you cannot, most any Addicks leader can. He can tell you just about the number of Legislative districts the Addicksites can carry, but it will be so far below the twenty seven necessary to elect Addicks Senator that you will have to wonder what all this boasted strength of their organization amounts to anyway. What is the use of throwing all chance of Republican success away just for Addicks? If he had been a good Republican he would have gotten out of the way and permitted the Republican party to have elected a Senator in 1895. The same in 1899. We do not think much of the man who will not support the ticket because he does not get a nomination, but Addicks is the same stripe. He defeats the party because he cannot get the office. Are you one of those misguided Republicans who have been aiding and assisting him?

A BOW OF PROMISE

From News and Advertiser, Nov. 18, 1899.

We have been regarding the black cloud of political incompetency, crime and indecency so long that perhaps our eyes have missed those indefinite signs by which the careful observer may detect promises of more wholesome weather. An optomist might see even in our depressing situation, signs of a happier and a better day. The cloud is lifting and already gleams of clear sky appear along the horizon. All the agitation of the last ten years is slowly producing its effect and the end must certainly be a purified atmosphere. The old system of vote-buying which has been in vogue for thirty years and which had not appeared enormous because the lack of funds had made it limited, when carried to its full extent, at once proclaimed its enormity until every good citizen has come to the conclusion that it must be uprooted altogether. To make crime repulsive it is only necessary to magnify it: and this is what has been done in Delaware. There are men who in the past winked at bribery and even engaged in it, who when they saw the extent it might be carried to debauch the sufferage, revolted, and made up their minds to fight it in any party not excepting their own.

A few days since these words came from the lips of an old Democratic war-horse; "I have stopped using money at elections, although I bought votes for years. The extent to which it has been carried for the last few years has convinced me of the hideousness of the whole system. When the new Constitution went into effect I said I will not buy another vote, and I have kept my word; and a great many men are feeling the same way." We are inclined to think he is right and that our best citizens regardless of party are determined to help stamp out an evil, even though in certain instances they themselves formerly engaged in it.

Our new Constitution is a long stride in advance, and its efforts towards purifying the ballot, should meet with support—nay, will meet with the support of every good citizen. It is not sufficient to sneer at the formation of the Constitutional Convention. The document they promulgated is our fundamental law, and furthermore, it as a whole is sound and honest. Republican, Democrat and Union Republican, must support it, because it is right, and we are sure the best men of all these parties have resolved to do so.

True there are many depressing signs, but out of each piece of fraud or trickery grew signs that are fraught with comfort. When three Democrats voted for a so called Republican, who had endeavored to win a seat in the Senate by every questionable method, people stood aghast. But the storm of indignation that arose from all over the State was evidence of the sterling qualities of our people. There are men actively engaged in manipulations of election machinery in defiance of the law. When they are apprehended they may be discharged on technicalities but we should remember nevertheless for our comfort that officers of the law are endeavoring to bring them to justice; the great jury of the public opinion condemns them, whether the Court does or not.

"All the people cannot be fooled all the time," neither can fraud, incompetency and political nastiness flaunt themselves unrebuked forever. Each man has a political duty to perform in the sphere of politics. He may decide to fight within the ranks of his own party, but nevertheless it is conduct that cannot be determined for him by any leader, it is his own personal matter. Thousands of our citizens accept this responsibility and will act independently, and no matter what their party affiliations may be, will refuse to give their support to either men or policies they deem to be wrong.

From Delaware Pilot, Nov. 18, 1899.

Wilmington lawyers are reported as saying that the anti-bribery provisions of the Constitution are knocked out by the result of the Kent County cases. As far as the constitutionality of the provisions are concerned it appeared that the court sustained the State all the way through the attack made by the defendent lawyers on the constitution. The omissions in the bill of complaint and the Justice of the Peace commitment being at fault the cases were dismissed on technical grounds.

From Delaware Pilot, Nov. 18, 1899.

Some of the Union Republican papers are grunting and groaning over the cost the leaders in their party put the county of Kent to in the late bribery trial. The fact is that the cost were greatly increased not at the instance of the State but by the defendents, in securing a postponement of the case on the plea of the absence of a material witness." The State was ready to proceed but the delay was instituted and consequently the expenses of the trial increased by the action of the defendants. The tax payers of Kent will observe that the costs of the trial can be justly charged to the tactics of the Addicks Republicans in Kent county.

MY MARYLAND.

The United States Coast and Geodetic Survey is making a sailing chart of the Chesapeake bay and its tributaries, with present headquarters at North East. Besides the coast lines and depths of water shown on these charts, there is also shown a strip of country adjacent to the water, giving all the topographical features, such as roads, buildings, woods, fences and streams.

Philadelphia capitalists have leased the plant of the Elk Mills Company, at Baldwin, and will operate the mills at an early date. The firm will be known as the Baldwin Manufacturing Company, and will manufacture material used in the upholstery trade. All the machinery has arrived, and will at once be placed in position. This new industry should be of material benefit to the country.—Elkton Appeal.

MARYLAND'S OFFICIAL VOTE

The following is the official vote of Maryland by counties for Governor on Tuesday, Nov. 7th.

COUNTIES	Lowndes, R.	Smith, D.
Allehany	4691	4190
Aune Arundel	3604	3564
Baltimore City	47131	55339
Baltimore County	7677	9547
Calvert	1322	955
Caroline	1727	1803
Carroll	3877	4065
Cecil	2609	3127
Charles	2129	1341
Dorchester	3150	3240
Frederick	5741	5867
Garrett	1940	1265
Harford	2982	3410
Howard	1582	2060
Kent	2362	2282
Montgomery	3010	3397
Prince George's	3100	2936
Queen Anne's	1677	2549
Somerset	2782	2696
St. Mary's	1766	1779
Talbot	2329	2401
Washington	4998	5035
Wicomico	2325	2812
Worcester	1599	2668
Totals	116109	128323

Smith's plurality 12,214. Hering's plurality was 11,661. Rayner's plurality 11,159.

Spain's Greatest Need

Mr. R. P. Olivia, of Barcelona, Spain, spends his winters at Aiken, S. C. Weak nerves had caused severe pains in the back of his head. On using Electric Bitters, America's greatest Blood and Nerve Remedy, all pain soon left him. He says this grand medicine is what his country needs. All America knows that it cures liver and kidney trouble, purifies the blood, tones up the stomach, strengthens the nerves, puts vim, vigor and new life into every muscle, nerve and organ of the body. If weak, tired or ailing you need it. Every bottle guaranteed, only 50 cents. Sold at Vaughan's Pharmacy.

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Mac—"Both George and Harry are very attentative to Bess. I wonder which of the two she will accept?" Ethel—"If I knew which would propose first I could tell you."

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Miss Annie Oakley writes: "Myself and many of the Buffalo Bill Wild West Co. have given Allen's Foot Ease, the powder to shake into the shoes, a most thorough trial, and it does all if not more than you claim." It instantly takes the sting out of Corns and Bunions. Allen's Foot-Ease is a certain cure for swollen, hot, aching, nervous or sweating feet. Sold by all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address Allen S. Olmstead, LeRoy, N. Y.

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For this occasion the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from all points on its line, to Philadelphia and return, at rate of a fare and a third for the round trip plus price of admission. These tickets will be sold during the continuance of the Exposition and will be good for return passage until November 30.

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Bad roads constitute the greatest drawback to rural life, and for the lack of good roads the farmers suffer more than any other class. It is obviously unnecessary, therefore, to discuss the benefits to be derived by them from improved roads. Suffice it to say that those localities where good roads have been built are becoming richer, more prosperous and more thickly settled, while those which do not possess these advantages in transportation are either at a standstill or are becoming poorer and more sparsely settled. If these conditions continue, fruitful farms may be abandoned and rich lands go to waste.

Life on a farm often becomes, as a result of "bottomless roads," isolated and barren of social enjoyments and pleasures, and country people in some communities suffer such great disadvantage that ambition is checked, energy weakened and industry paralyzed.

Good roads, like good streets, make habitation along them most desirable. They economize time and force in transportation of products, reduce wear and tear on horses, harness and vehicles and enhance the market value of real estate. They raise the value of farm lands and farm products and tend to beautify the country through which they pass. They facilitate rural mail delivery and are a potent aid to education, religion and sociability. Charles Sumner once said, "The road and the schoolmaster are the two most important agents in advancing civilization."

THE HEAVIEST TAX.

Mud Is the Most Expensive Burden of the Farmer.

Most American roads are so poorly constructed that they are of little use except in pleasant weather, when, as a rule, the farmers would like to be doing something besides teaming their produce to market, says the Chicago Tribune in a recent editorial. The American farmers complain, and often with justice, of the high freight rates of the railways. But they are taxing themselves over 16 cents more per ton per mile of haul to the nearest railroad depot, when they could get rid of that tax by the simple device of building decent roads.

It is impossible to figure out the cost of the bad roads bills which the farmers pay yearly needlessly and without complaint. One road reformer says those bills foot up $250,000,000 annually. That is a mere guess, but it may be near the truth. Whatever the sum may be, it falls on the farmers

AN ARKANSAS ROAD.
[From L. A. W. Bulletin.]

exclusively and thus cuts down their net receipts from their corn, wheat and other crops. It would not be difficult for the farmers of an Illinois township to ascertain the weight of all the produce they take to and from the nearest market during a year and thus find out what bad roads are costing them. When they have the information, it may be they will vote for a higher road tax.

Every year about $30,000,000 is spent in this country in the repairing of mud roads. The money is expended to no purpose, for the farmers keep on paying it out while refusing to contribute a larger sum, which, if judiciously expended, would give them permanent roads, which it would cost but a trifle to keep in perfect condition. Then they would not have to keep so many horses as they do now. There would be less wear and tear of horses, harness and wagons. The farmers would be able to get their products to market at all times, while it happens now often that they cannot market those products when prices are highest because of impassable roads. The taxes which bear hardest on the farmers are those they unthinkingly impose upon themselves.

All Want Good Roads.

There need be no doubt that the taxpayers of most American cities are willing and ready to contribute to the cost of building country roads. Their necessity is as thoroughly realized in the cities as it is by the farmers who become stalled on a muddy road with a load of grain hauled half way to market. City people know the country better than they have ever known it before, and their business relations with country people are growing more and more intimate. They are quick to see the convenience and saving which would result from the construction of good roads and know that they themselves would be in large measure the gainers.—Otto Dorner.

Profit and Loss.

The difference between good and bad roads is often equivalent to the difference between profit and loss. Good roads have a money value to farmers as well as a political and social value, and, leaving out convenience, comfort, social and refined influences, which good roads always enhance, and looking at them only from the "almighty dollar" side, they are found to pay handsome dividends each year.

"He plays well that wins." Hood's Sarsaparilla wins the victory over disease because it possesses genuine curative power.

KENT COUNTY.

Mrs. Susan Cooper, the widow of the late John Wesley Cooper, died at the home of her son, David Cooper, near Cedar Grove Church, west of Felton, on the 2nd inst. She had been an invalid for some months from a stroke of paralysis. She was in her 74th year. She was the mother of Dr. Peter Cooper, of Wilmington, now west for his health, Dr. William Cooper of Elkton, and the late Dr. Thomas Cooper, of Chestertown.

The old back building on the Collins farm in upper Kent county has just been torn down. This building, which was one of the oldest in the United States, was built about 160 years ago, of logs, and has been in the Collins family for three generations, being the oldest structure in Thoroughfare Neck, near the Delaware Bay. When the logs were removed they were found to be all sound, as they were cedar. George Collins, who was born in this building and died there in 1872, at the age of 88 years, was a member of this Collins family, for whom Collins' Beach was named.

"Self Preservation"

Is the first law of Nature." For this reason everyone who is ill desires to become well. Those who have impure or impoverished blood turn to Hood's Sarsaparilla, because they know it will enrich and purify their blood and give them good health. To take this medicine on the first appearance of impure blood is an important step toward self preservation.

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Recently a public school teacher wrote the sentence, "Them boys are sliding down hill," and requested some one in the school to "correct and why." One bright youngster held up his hand, and, on being asked, said: "Correction: Those boys are sliding down hill. Why: Because they can't slide up."

There are some men in this world who are bound not to be cheated. Mr. Skinflint keeps a cat, and when he found the cat had caught every rat in the house, he went and got a few down at the stable and let 'em loosee in the house. He wasn't going to support that cat in idleness. She'd got to earn her living.

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"What is the sensation of going up in a balloon?" asked the reporter. "Precisely the opposite to that of coming down in one," replied the professor impressively.

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HEROES—UP AND DOWN.

The TRANSCRIPT has no quarrel with the great American people, not even that part which foolishly idolized the hero yesterday and scorns and repudiates him to-day. Of course reference is made to the Dewey episode—the transfer by the Admiral to his bride of the house presented to him by the people, the outburst of indignation from the "yellow journals," the enthusiasts and possibly some others, the second transfer by Mrs. Dewey of the house to the Admiral's only son—all in the past few days. It is laughable, yet it is serious. The hero worship of Admiral Dewey was extreme, ridiculous, although he is the greatest Naval victor of the age. Honor and admiration and applause should not force a hero to ride astride the shoulders of intoxicated men—in spirits or in wine.

It is such extremes which at our elections occasionally manifest themselves and shake the confidence of many in the stability of a Republican government. Admiral Dewey says on his return home he asked no idolatry, sought no applause, having done only his duty, but he "did ask one thing, which was to be let alone, to conduct his personal and domestic affairs as he saw fit, and this one simple privilege which he asked from the American people has been denied him."

In fact are the masses much different from what they were 1900 years ago?

"And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strewed them in the way. And the multitude that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosana, &c.—Mat. 21-8.

"What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified.—Mat. 27 22.

The great surprise is that Dewey should have committed so great a blunder. He has been so sensible, so conservative. While the gift of a home should have had "no strings tied to it," the gift should have been sacred to himself during life. The excuse, sufficient in every respect, is "my new wife." The man is a boy again—alas he was.

HOBART IS DEAD

Vice President Hobart died at his residence in Paterson, N. J., at 8.30 o'clock Tuesday morning, Nov. 21st, after an illness of months. The office of Vice President has been filled by few more popular men, if by any, than by Garet A. Hobart. He made and held friends. No President, certainly none of recent years, has consulted his associate in matters of State as has President McKinley. And, it is said, much deference was paid Vice President Hobart's opinion. The fact that among so many of our men of affairs, business men, are found statesmen of mature judgment, capable of directing political as well as commercial affairs, adds confidence to the stability of our government and faith in its future greatness.

Vice President Hobart was born in Long Branch, on June 3, 1844. At the age of nineteen he was graduated from Rutgers College, and then he took up the study of the law in the office of Socrates Tuttle, in Paterson, N. J. He subsequently married Mr. Tuttle's daughter.

Mr. Hobart's capital when he arrived in Paterson consisted of exactly $1.50. By sheer hard work and well directed energy he increased that more than a million fold. He was supposed to be worth several millions. He was said to have been interested in 70 concerns, but having concluded New Jersey should have a Republican Governor he managed the successful campaign for John W. Griggs in 1895, and in turn was nominated in 1896 for the Vice Presidency, a place which he filled with honor and distinction.

THE politics of this issue may be found on the first page where two Republican and one Democratic editor from "the enemy's country" speak plainly and to the point. All may not see the "Bow of Promise" as brightly as does the editor who writes of it, but it is expanding. The Georgetown editor drives the truth home with a sharpened pen, and the truth must prevail. While matters are becoming more hopeful in the lower part of the State Republicans of Wilmington should bestir themselves to meet vigorously the hired assassins of the party here and every conscientious editor should combat falsehood earnestly, especially within the party.

THE death of such men as Hon. Thomas B. Coursey is a great loss politically as well as other ways. Although his years prevented activity in combatting political error except with his pen, yet his voice and life were towers of strength. He was right in politics and younger men may well follow his example and advice. Let the Eagle of Delaware Republicanism soar in the pure atmospere of truth and honor and patriotism.

CONGRESS convenes on December 4th. Though the Republicans have been in the majority in the Senate for several years they have not been able to control financial legislation, because there were but 7 Republicans of the 16 members of the Finance Committee, the other 9 being Democrats and Silver Republicans who voted together. The Republican membership has increased because of the greater proportion of Republican Senators, the committee will stand during the next session of Congress, 9 Republicans out of 16. There are 51 Republican Senators, 28 Democratic, 7 Silver-Populists, 4 vacancies—California, Delaware, Pennsylvania and Utah. The first three should have elected Republicans; the Utah legislature was Democratic. Boodle and Bossism prevented the four elections.

FUNERAL ADDRESS.

At the Obsequies of Wm. Taylor, Nov. 14th, 1899

BY REV. E. W. CASWELL.

The citizens of Middletown have rarely been more startled by a single death than that of Mr. William Taylor, who suddenly expired on Saturday last, November 11, 1899.

The announcement came with such fearful suddenness that the entire community seemed paralyzed with awe.

Many of us had not heard of his illness, till the news came like an electric shock—"Mr. Taylor is gone."

It is difficult to believe that the noble, buoyant form of yesterday is lifeless to-day; that the [illegible] just greeted us upon the street will never smile upon us again in this world.

O! cruel death, how little we know of thy coming. O! strange providence, how dark are thy paths. What we know not now, we shall know when we know as we are known in the great hereafter.

God will make this terrible stroke plain when we see Him as He is. In the language of the poet we can say,

Blindfolded and alone I stand,
With unknown thresholds on each hand;
The darkness deepens as I grope,
Afraid to fear, afraid to hope;
Yet this one thing I learn to know
Each day more surely as I go,
That doors are opened, ways are made,
Burdens are lifted or are laid
By some great law, unseen and still,
Unfathomed purpose to fulfill,
"Not as I will."

"Not as I will."—the sound grows sweet
Each time my lips the words repeat,
"Not as I will!"—the darkness feels
More safe than light when this thought steals
Like whispered voice to calm and bless
All unrest and all loneliness.
"Not as I will!" because the One
Who loved us first and best has gone
Before us on the road, and still
For us must all His love fulfill—
"Not as we will."

William Taylor was born in Kent County, Delaware, January 15, 1850. He removed to Middletown about 19 years ago.

Mr. Taylor was taken severely ill on Saturday morning, November 11th, and passed away at about 2 P. M. of the same day. The surviving relatives are the bereaved wife, one daughter, Mrs. Edgar Clark, two sons, Gray and Julian, his mother, three sisters and two brothers.

Eleven years ago, Mr. Taylor became deeply interested in religious matters and, after his conversion under the ministry of Rev. Richard Adams, he united with the Bethesda M. E. Church of Middletown.

Mr. Taylor was a marked man in this community, a leader among men. His executive ability was marvelous—he was all brain and nerves, working early and late in his extensive business career, besides keeping the interests of his many friends, if not the entire town, close to his heart. He was a man of strong intellect, keen perception and immense business ability.

Our departed friend was a great lover of music—he delighted in the rich hymns of the church. Those rendered by the choir to day were among his favorites. He was also a great reader of the best literature of the day, as his immense library indicates.

Within this well furnished and intensely active mind reposed a most affectionate and sympathetic heart.

He was the soul and life of the company with whom he mingled.

He could not do enough for those he loved and he seemed to love almost everybody in Middletown, for nearly all with whom I have conversed have told me of some act of kindness, some gift that came from his generosity to bless their lives. Many of the poor of this vicinity mourn to-day with us. What they will do without him, many do not know. Their best earthly friend has departed, and they sorrow with and are counted among the mourners of the dear stricken family.

How refreshing it is, amid the mad rush for gold, the covetousness of the age, to behold a leading man in our midst who had the ability to accumulate large means, but whose supreme delight consisted in pouring forth gifts and gold into the church of his choice, upon the poor and needy, and among a multitude of friends, who possess these treasures of his generosity as sacred memories. Truly his name is as ointment poured forth, whose precious fragrance will cheer our lives while time with us shall last.

Our beloved Bethesda Church sits among the weeping ones in this dark hour. We are sadly bereaved; we have lost one who loved and longed for the prosperity of our Zion. The pastor always had a friend in Brother Taylor; how we shall miss his noble generosity, his cheery presence, his loving sympathy, his hearty greeting!

Our Sunday School will always remember their kind and thoughtful friend—the Infant Class mourns his loss—the Epworth League joins the other societies of the church in laying flowers upon his bier, as a faint token of the love and esteem in which he was held.

Not only our church, but the entire community of Middletown bow in heartfelt sympathy with this stricken family and mourn together, bleed together, over our great loss.

But we are aware that human sympathy cannot reach the depths of this agony. Jesus alone is able to say the words of peace to the troubled sea of anguish, "It is I, be not afraid."

"He holds me when the billows smite;
I shall not fall;
It sharp, 'tis short; 'tis light:
He tempers all."

His comfort is like a mother's caresses. He takes the suffering ones in His everlasting arms, under the shadow of His wings, hiding us away from the storm and tempest, giving His beloved rest.

Let us all approach Him to-day upon these billows of agony, crying "Lord, save, or we perish!" How His pierced hand lovingly grasps ours, and his gentle voice quiets the stormy sea!

How He looks down upon us with that wonderful smile, upon our face of piteous pain, and "the smile of the Lord becomes the feast of the soul."

He disperses our gloom. He bears our heavy burdens. He walks with us in the Valley, and it is transformed into an illuminated Valley, full of sunshine.

Let us sing to-day. David sang his immortal Psalms while in the depths of sorrow, and earth's millions have fled to these songs for comfort, because they were the wailings of the human heart in its agony.

O! may this stricken wife, these sorrowing children, these numerous relatives find balm in the Savior's loving words, and in all the blessed Book of God, you will receive "beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

May this sorrow prove a stepping stone to higher and holier ways, that, out of the goblet of suffering, we may drink the elixir of life; out of the ashes of our loss we may behold growing trees of character like Lebanon for beauty and strength.

A word to the numerous friends of the deceased:

God speaks to you in this sad providence, saying no gifts of mind, no wealth of affection, no positions of honor, no apparent physical health, offer the least certainty of long life.

We are all standing upon the verge of the Eternal. The thread of life is so easily snapped, the golden bowl broken. It may be the bursting of the walls of the heart, worn thin by the life current, or the nervous system strained to too great a tension; may be the chilling winds or poisoning breath of earth that swiftly carries us to the life immortal.

May Jesus find us watching and waiting for his coming, loving his appearing, ready to join the blest and the glorified gone before.

TOWNSEND LETTER

Walter W. Reed, 23 years of age, and for sometime a resident of Wilmington, was shot and instantly killed while gunning near this place at about 8.30 o'clock on Tuesday morning. It was purely accidental. There were four men in the party: John Richard and William Maree, brothers-in-law of Reed, and Leighton Pyle, of Wilmington. They came to Townsend last Saturday night and were visiting Reed's father-in-law, Mr. William Maree, a farmer at Fieldsboro. About 8.30 o'clock Reed's dog started a rabbit. Reed went after it crawling through a barbed wire fence. He pulled his gun through after him, being evidently much excited at the time. The trigger caught the wire and the gun went off shooting off the jaw and one side of his head. His companions, hearing the report, shouted to Reed iquiring whether he shot the rabbit. After calling five times they ran in the direction of the sound and saw Reed lying on the ground dead and a large stream of blood flowing down the bank from ths corpse. The gun was standing on the opposite side of the fence. Sitting on the other side of the road was the rabbit, and when it saw the men it scampered off. Dr. B. F. Ferguson was summoned and the body was taken to the home of the young man's father-in-law and was then forwarded to Wilmington on the six o'clock train Tuesday evening. Soon after the accident the gun was examined and the hammers showed quite plainly the mark of the fence. The charge in the gun contained 1¼ ounces of No. 6 shot and four drams of powder. Reed was employed as a barber by his brother at No. 3 East Third street, Wilmington. He leaves a wife and one child. About four years ago he married Miss Ella Maree of near Fieldsboro. Reed's father, David Reed, was killed a few years ago by being crushed under a bank of earth.

Since November 15th when the game law was out gunners have been scouring the country but with little success, game being very scarce. It is feared that what was left from last winter's blizzard will be killed and that next season there will be none.

The meetings at the Blackbird M. E. Church have been of an interesting character and the services on Sunday last were especially helpful. The pastor, Rev. G. P. Jones, was in charge and much religious fervor was shown.

The large amount of work being done in Townsend and nearby brings many additional workmen into the town and they circulate a good amount of cash among the storekeepers, making the matters decidedly better than previously.

The bright moonlight nights of the past week have afforded much sport for a number of sportsmen who embraced the opportunity of gunning for muskrats.

About twenty young ladies of this locality visited the Philadelphia Export Exposition on Saturday last and were much pleased with their trip.

An oyster supper was given at the home of Mr. Walter Money on Thursday evening and many of the local residents attended the affair which proved quite enjoyable to all.

Miss Emma Smith, who has been employed in a millinery establishment in Baltimore for some time, is now visiting her parents here.

Miss Hannah Wilson, of near Odessa, is the guest of Miss Emma Smith.

KENT COUNTY.

W. H. Hazel, of Kenton, while driving between Camden and Dover was run into by Harry Ford of Dover. Mr. Hazel's horse was struck in the breast by the shaft, causing the horse to die in about fifteen minutes. His carriage was a total wreck. The loss is estimated at $150.

On Friday, Nov. 17th, Jacob Hart, of Philadelphia, was accidentally shot and killed by the explosion of the gun of W. L. Gibson at Wyoming.

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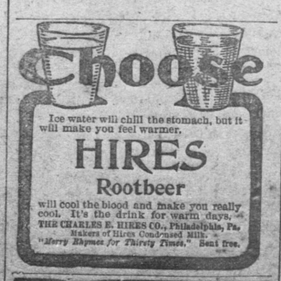
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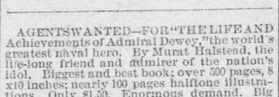

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THE CHURCHES IN MIDDLETOWN.

Bethesda M. E. Church.—Rev. Isaac L. Wood, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m., A. G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, every Thursday evening, 7.30 o'clock. Junior Epworth League and Epworth Cadets every Friday night at 7 o'clock. Young Ladies' Mission Circle, Monday nights at Parsonage. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Mite Society, first Saturday night of each month. Official Board meeting first Friday afternoon of each month at 2.30 o'clock.

Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, H. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 3 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m. Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 9.30 a. m. Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 7.30 p. m. and on Friday at 3.30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 9.30 a. m., Sunday School at 9.15 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 7.45 p. m. on Wednesdays. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 p. m., the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m. and the Woman's Auxiliary on the second Friday of each month at 2.30 p. m.

Local News.

—Black eyed Peas.

—WANTED at TRANSCRIPT office, black-eyed peas!

—Wanted at Armstrongs 1000 dozen eggs, Highest market prices.

—Miss Mabel McCallum, aged 14, of Blackbird, died recently of diphtheria.

—DR. W. E. BARNARD, SURGEON DENTIST Office South-east corner of Main and Scott streets.

—All post-offices will be closed to-day from 2 to 4 o'clock because of the burial of the Vice President.

—The principals of the public schools of the State will meet at Dover Jan. 13th, to form a State association.

—An interesting story of the death of a Gypsy King on Nov. 13th in Philadelphia is told on first page to-day.

—Good singing and dancing in Muldoon's Picnic at Opera House, Monday night, Nov. 27th. If you miss it you will be sorry.

—Rev. W. J. Wilkie, of St. Anne's Church and Rev. Henry Thomas, of St. Peter's Church of Smyrna, exchanged pulpits on Sunday last.

—Everything must be Irish and done in Irish Style at the Opera House, Monday night, Nov. 27th. Get reserved seats early. Prices 25 and 35 cents.

—The State Institute of the teachers of the colored schools will be held in the Middletown Opera House, Dec. 6, 7, 8th. An excellent daily program and evening entertainments.

—The Irish Whirlwinds Conners & Dunn will appear at the Opera House, Monday Night, Nov. 27th, in the laughable Comedy Muldoon's Picnic. Everything new this year. If you want to hear good singing and see good dancing don't forget to go.

—The 25th anniversary of the organization of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will be held in the M. E. Church to-morrow evening. Mrs. A. G. Cox has been the society president all these years. Mrs. R. H. Matlack, Conference Secretary, and the pastor, will make addresses.

—The first issue of the New York Tri-Weekly Tribune was issued Nov. 20th and the subsequent issues have proven it equal almost to the best daily for a busy man. All paid up subscribers to the TRANSCRIPT can have the two papers one year for $2.00. Upon request at the TRANSCRIPT office, or by postal, a sample copy will be sent. Next year's election should make great demand for these two papers—one National and the other State. 208 papers for $2.00. Inquire at TRANSCRIPT office or write.

—A fire near Kirkwood, Del., was in progress from 10.30 o'clock Saturday morning, Nov. 18th, until midnight, burning the barn and devasting corn, wheat and woodland on the farm of Richard T. Cann, Sr. About 10 acres of woodland and 10 or 15 acres of corn stubble and wheat were involved. It is thought that the fire started in the barn. Several fences were consumed before it burned itself out. Fortunately there was light wind; had the wind been strong Dayett's mill might have been endangered. The Cann barn was insured for $600; its contents were uninsured.

—The trial of Montayloo A. Cole for killing young Montague in Wilmington in May began in Wilmington on Thursday. The woman is Edna Wilson who has been detained in New Castle jail as a witness. The jurymen accepted are: Albert Hartman, Mill Creek hundred; Alexander Metten, Appoquinimink, William Webb, Pencader; George N. Bright, Red Lion; William H. Russell, White Clay Creek; Robert McLaughlin, White Clay Creek; J. L. Cralle, St. Georges; William H. Kelly, White Clay Creek; Thomas Lilly, White Clay Creek; William J. Donovan, Blackbird; Lewis Palmer, Brandywine, Edward A. Reed, Wilmington. W. W. Maree was excused because of the death of his son-in-law. W. B. Kates and Michael Keegan, Jr., had conscientious scruples, and George Echenhofer was challenged by defense.

Card of Thanks

Mr. E. S. Collins desires through the TRANSCRIPT to return his thanks to the public— his patrons and friends— for their patronage during the season and to notify them that he will continue the business next season, hoping to merit their future favors.

THANKSGIVING ENTERTAINMENT

The Old-Fashioned "Husking Bee" to be given in the Opera House next Thursday evening by the Ladies' Mite Society of the M. E. Church is a new play, unlike any given here before. The parts are all very amusing, every one adding to the merriment of the company. "Uncle Nate" sings and recites, "Scipio" also sings and "speaks a piece." The Chinaman, the Irishman and several of the ladies have special parts to sing and recite, while "Josiah" and "Betsy" keep up a one-sided love affair, much to poor "Josiah's" discomfort. See the posters and the ad. for other information. The following is the cast of characters.

CHARACTERS.

Uncle Nathan Peterkin.....Mr. Maxwell.
Thomas Jefferson Peterkin, a young man home from college.....Mr Caulk
Scipio, Colored boy.....Mr. Massey.
A'gernon Fitzwoodle, Boston Dude.....Mr. Howell.
Little Lord Fauntleroy.....Mr. Peabody.
Ah Sin-Chinaman.....Mr. Latta.
Pat. O'Ryan.....Mr. Brady.
Bobby, the small boy.....Mr. Ellicott.
William.....Mr. Downey.
Aunt Peggy Peterkin.....Mrs. Jones.
Betsy, Fussy old maid.....Mrs. Barnard.
Josiah, nervous old bachelor...Mr. Emerson.
Kitty Maloney.....Miss Vanzant.
Mollie.....Miss Naudain.
Maggie.....Miss Jones.
Other guests and corn huskers.

Unclaimed Letters.

A list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be had by saying they are advertised: Miss May A. Commises, Mrs. Rachel Davis, Miss Emma Gadis, Mrs. Lizzie T. Green and Mrs. May D. Smith (postal card.) Thomas Cheroning.

Thomas B. Coursey Dead.

The venerable Thomas B. Coursey ended a long life of great usefulness at his home "Spring Mills" near Felton, Wednesday morning, Nov. 22nd, having been ill only since Saturday last. He was born at Camden, Del., Dec. 14, 1806, being nearly 93. His mother was a descendent of Daniel Boone of Kentucky fame whence his middle name. Mr. Coursey married Miss Ruth Wilson, of Dover, who died in 1871. One daughter, Miss Sallie Coursey, survives. There are two granddaughters, daughters of the late John Harrington: Mrs. Amos G. Turner, of Felton, and Mrs. Charles S. Conwell, wife of Prof. Conwell who taught in Conference Academy and at Delaware College.

The many practical things introduced for the benefit of the State are numerous, the use of guano being one. In politics he was an ardent Republican, being candidate for Governor in 1870 against the late ex-Gov. Ponder of Milton.

DELAWARE CITY.

On Wednesday evening about nine o'clock part of the roof of the Columbia Incubator factory fell in. No one was injured and with the exception of the broken roof there was very little damage done. Too great a strain caused the roof to give away.

Mr. N. G. Price died at his home on Clinton Street on Wednesday morning. The funeral services were held on Friday morning as 9.30. The interment took place in Hudson N. Y. on Saturday morning.

Frank Scott has accepted a position in Philadelphia and has gone to take charge of his new duties.

The ladies of St. Peter's R. C. church will give a supper on Thanksgiving evening in Central Hall. The proceeds are to be used towards building a new Church edifice.

A number of our young men have gone to Baltimore to engage in work upon the new dry-dock which is being constructed there.

Miss Carrie Clark has returned from a protracted visit to Baltimore friends.

Mrs. John Mitchell, of Baltimore, is visiting at the home of Mrs. S. Peoples.

The young people of the Presbyterian Church have in preparation a play, which they expect to give on Christmas night.

ODESSA NOTES.

Mr. Harry McIntire, of Philadelphia, was the guest of Geo. L. Townsend, Jr., Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. Dorsey W. Lewis visited Philadelphia friends Sunday and Monday.

Miss Cornelia Townsend and Miss Georgia Enos were the guests of Wilmington relatives Sunday. Monday morning they visited School No. 2 to study methods, returning home on the noon train.

Mrs. Hickman and children left on Monday for Philadelphia, where they will remain with relatives for a week or two.

Mrs. Ward was a Philadelphia visitor this week.

Mr. Eugene Davis, of Smyrna, was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Martha Davis, Wednesday evening.

Mrs. S. Lue Enos is visiting her sister Mrs. G. E. Coppage, of Wilmington.

Mrs. Geo. L. Townsend was the guest of her niece, Miss Elizabeth Scott, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Lida Fox was a Quaker City visitor this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Aspril, Jr. returned Tuesday from a pleasant visit to Pennsylvania relatives. On Wednesday they and Mr. Jonathan K. Williams's family attended the wedding of Mr. Williams's nephew, Mr. Fred Williams, to Miss Jones at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Chesapeake City.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hurst returned home Thursday. Mrs. Hurst mother, Mrs. Price, accompanied them. While away Mr. Hurst visited Washington and attended the general meeting of the committee on Missions. He also attended the reception given by Pres. McKinley to the Bishops and had the pleasure of seeing Admiral Dewey and his bride.

One of the most pleasant meetings of the Ladies' Aid was held at the home of Mr and Mrs. Joseph G. Brown Thursday evening. The house was beautifully decorated with quantities of fine chrysanthemums. The entertainment consisted of a musical observation party, charades and clums, all of which were greatly enjoyed. Bountiful refreshments were served and the Aid adjourned until next month.

MY MARYLAND.

The Cecil county Jurors, first and second districts, for court Dec. 11th are: First—William G. Jones, John A. Hall, Robt. E. L. Frazer, Geo. W. Lockwood, W. H. Alderson, H. S. Duhamell; Second—George Derrickson, Wm. T. Harriott, William Jones, Chas. S. Ellison, Wm. D. Bradford, Chas. E. Clark.

Robert B. Foard has been appointed postmaster at St. Augustine, vice Frank A. Vansant resigned.

ELIGIBILITY OF A SHERIFF

The Elkton correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says, "The eligibility of Cecil county's Democratic Sheriff-elect has been questioned. The point involves a nice issue relative to residence. Price was elected by a plurality of 250 votes. He was born and raised in the lower part of the county, but went West in 1884, returning to Cecil three years ago. The law requires that a person must be a resident of a county for at least five consecutive years to be eligible to the office of sheriff, and hence the opposition claims Price cannot legally assume charge of the office to which he has been elected. On the other hand, the sheriff elect says that during his stay out of Cecil county he never voted and always claimed Cecil as his permanent home. Some claim the next highest candidate, the Republican nominee, should be declared sheriff elect, while others claim the Governor should make the appointment or a new election be held.

I. T. Matthews, well-known to Methodists on the Peninsula, died at his home in Snow Hill, Wednesday, Nov. 22, aged 70 years.

There were 243 deaths in Cecil county for the year ended September 30th.

Betterton is to have a handsome new hotel next season by Messrs. Turner & Son.

Silas White, aged 25, shot and killed Rhoda Jackson, aged 16, near Aiken three miles srom Perryville on Thursday evening as she returned from visiting a neighbor. He desired to be a beau but was not acceptable. The murderer escaped.

The Transcript $1.00

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

Joshua Clayton, of Middletown, who for the past two years has been studying in law the office of Albert Constable, Esq., will take the examination before the State Board of Examiners in Baltimore this week, for admittance to the bar.—Elkton Appeal.

Frederick Williams, second son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Williams, of St. Augustine, and Miss Daisy Jones, youngest daughter of Mr. William Jones, of Cayotte, were united in marriage on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at Chesapeake City.

Mr. Henry H. Brady, Jr., son of Mr. H. H. Brady, of Chesapeake City, and nephew of Mr. Fred Brady of this town, and Miss Clara Belle Simpson, were married on Wednesday last at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence D. Simpson, in Scranton, Pa.

Mrs. Emerson W. Polk, of Pocomoke City, and Miss Mary Barnard, of Greensboro, returned home on Thursday, having been the guests of the Misses Naudain.

Mrs. A. G. Cox was surprised last Saturday evening by friends joining her at home celebration of one of the "milestone marks along life's pathway."

Miss Fannie Staats, who has been with relatives for months in the lower part of the county, has returned to town greatly improved in health.

Mrs. W. K. Lockwood is the guest of Mrs. Stephen Boyer on North Broad street.

Mr. G. W. Covington, of Still Pond, spent Sunday last with his daughter, Mrs. J. C. Alston.

Mr. Robert D. Hoffecker Jr., of the "Smyrna Times", was in town on Monday and paid his respects to the TRENSCRIPT.

Miss Lida McNamee returned to her home in Elk Neck, Md., on Wednesday.

Mrs. Bostick of Fayette, S. C. was the guest of Mrs. Annie Penington the first of the week.

Mr. A. G. Cox represented the M. E. Sunday school at the New Castle County Association in Wilmington on Thursday.

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SUSSEX COUNTY

Laurel is to be lighted by electricity. It claims a population of 4000.

Col. D. J. Fooks has named his new brick block in Laurel the "J. Turpin Moore refused the Democratic nomination for Governor in 1882. He absolutely controlled the politics of several hundreds adjoining Laurel for years. Mr. Fooks was a McKinley elector in 1896.

Mrs. Margaret A. Cannon, widow of William Cannon, Delaware's first Republican Governor, died at Bridgeville on Thursday, aged 86. Five children survive: Henry P. Cannon, Philip C. Cannon, Mrs. L. A. Cahall, Mrs. S. P. H. Layton, all of Bridgeville, and Mrs. F. L. Buckalew of Jamesburg, N. J.

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The said partnership is to be conducted under the partnership name of Charles Baird and Company and the general object of the partnership is to carry on the trade and business of manufacturing and dealing in morocco and other leathers, and all things thereunto belonging or appertaining

The names and residences of the said partners are as follows: The general partner of the said firm is Robert S. Baird, living in the city of Wilmington, New Castle county and State of Delaware, and the special partner is James C. McComb, of Brandywine hundred, New Castle county and State of Delaware.

That the said James C. McComb, the special partner, has contributed the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars to the common stock of the said partnership.

That the said partnership is to commence on the sixteenth day of November, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and is to end on the first day of December, A. D., ninete-n hundred.

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and seals, at the City of Wilmington and State of Delaware, this sixteenth day of November, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

ROBT. S. BAIRD [Seal.]
JAMES C McCOMB [Seal.]

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of Lewis Sasse.

STATE OF DELAWARE, } ss.
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, }

Be it Remembered, That on this sixteenth day of November, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, personally came before me, Lewis Sasse, a Justice of the Peace for New Castle county and State of Delaware, Robert S. Baird and James C. McComb, parties to the foregoing Certificate, known to me personally to be such, and severally acknowledged that they signed and sealed the said Certificate for the purposes therein set forth, and that the same is their, and each of their, act and deed.

Given under my hand and seal the day and year last aforesaid.

LEWIS SASSE, [Seal.]
Justice of the Peace.

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REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER'S OFFICE,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL.,
October 25, 1899.

Upon the application of Thomas Lattomus, administrator of John Ginn, late of Appoquinimink hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register, that the administrator aforesaid give notice of granting of letters of administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

Seal.

CALVIN W. CROSSAN,
Register.

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that letters of administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the twenty-third day of October, A. D., 1899, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to the said administrator, on or before the twenty-third day of October, 1900, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

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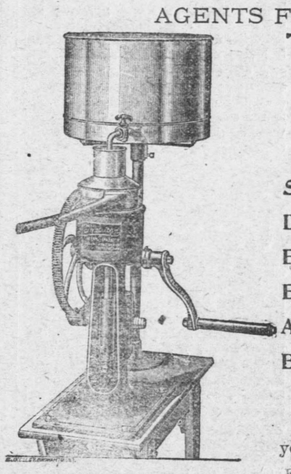

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Yours respty, HENRY CATTS.

SUMMIT BRIDGE, DELAWARE, October 25, 1898.

J. F. McWhorter & Son, Middletown, Del.

Dear Sirs:—The American Separator I bought from you is a good machine and will do all you claim for it. It increased my butter more than a pound per week on each cow that I was milking. I have had some experience with other makes, but like the American much better than any I have seen or tried, I consider it the lightest running machine on the market and the easiest to clean and operate, I would not part with mine if I could not get another, and I would advise anyone going to buy to get the American.

Yours truly, WALTER HEAVELOW.

KIRKWOOD, DELAWARE, November 2, 1898.

J. F. McWhorter & Son, Middletown, Del.

Gentlemen:—The American Separator I bought from you in June is all right, it has done everything you claim for it, and more; it increased my butter one pound per week on each cow I was milking, and my customers think it better butter. It saves fully one half the work of the old method of making butter, it takes all the cream from the milk without doubt; I find it quite an advantage in raising calves, also hogs; I think in these two alone I will this year make half the price of the machine. I paid $65 for my machine, but would not take a $100 if I could not get another American.

Yours, &c., W. B. FORD.

ELKTON, MARYLAND, October 31, 1898.

J. F. McWhorter & Son, Middletown, Del.

Gentlemen:—The American Separator we bought from you has given entire satisfaction; we find it has done everything you claim for it as far as we have had experience. Our cows were falling when you put the machine in, but I feel safe in saying that we have had an increase of butter; we are sure it takes all of the cream from the milk, is very easy to clean and operate; we think we make better butter and save a great deal of labor. You ask us in your letter if we would part with our machine for the price we paid if we could not get another American, our answer is we would not,

Yours respty, MISS LYDIA A. REYNOLDS.

SMYRNA, DELAWARE, December 8, 1898.

J. F. McWhorter & Son, Middletown, Del.

Gents:—Yours received, and will say in reply that we are very well pleased with the American Separator, we had a little trouble at first as we had never had any experience with a separator, but we are all right now and think it does everything you claim for it. My butter is better than when I used creamery and is much less work; it takes every particle of cream from the milk, and is very little work to clean and keep in order. Will close by saying once more, that we are well pleased with it.

Yours respty, MRS. WILLIAM FORD.

CLAYTON, DELAWARE, November 2, 1898.

J. F. McWhorter & Son, Middletown, Del.

Dear Sirs:—Your letter received asking me to write you what I thought of the American Separator I bought from you in April. Will say it is all right and if I could not get another I would not take three times what I gave you for it; they will skim perfectly clean and make grand, sweet butter. When I bought the Separator I was milking 12 cows and making about 40 pounds of butter per week, the first week I used the Separator it increased my butter to 60 pounds (a clear gain of 20 pounds). It is very easy to clean and no trouble to operate, and saves lots of work, and is a very light running machine. Wishing you success with the Separator,

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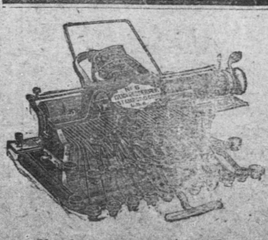

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REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER'S OFFICE,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL.,
August 1st, 1899.

Upon the application of John S. Crouch and Franklin J. Penington, Executors of Samuel Penington, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Executors aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters Testamentary upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register aforesaid at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

SEAL

CALVIN W. CROSSAN, Register.

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the First day of August, A. D. 1899, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to the said Executors, on or before the First day of August, 1900, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

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SECRET SOCIETIES.

Middletown Council, No. 2, Jr. O. U. A. M. Meets every Monday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M. Meets first Tuesday of each month in Town Hall.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Welcome Conclave Heptasophs. Meets every second and fourth Friday night in K of P. Hall.

Union Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W., meets every 2d and 4th Tuesday night in McWhorter's Hall.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

FARM AND GARDEN

CRIMSON CLOVER.

It Thrives on Thin Soil—Regions In Which It Succeeds.

Crimson clover, also known as scarlet clover, German clover, Italian clover and carnation clover, is an annual plant native to southern Europe and has long been cultivated as a forage crop in the warmer portions of that country. It is an erect, tufted plant, one to two feet high, with soft, hairy stems and leaves and usually bright scarlet flowers in elongated heads. The root system is well developed and penetrates deeply into the soil, and the plant is a vigorous grower. The seed is larger than that of red clover, oval in shape, bright reddish yellow when fresh, paler in the white flowered variety, and has a highly polished surface. The plants stool freely, many stems arising from a single root.

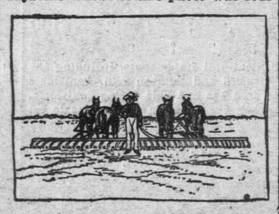
CRIMSON CLOVER PLANT.

Crimson clover will not stand severe freezing, although it is one of the so called "winter annuals" and under favorable conditions makes much of its growth during the cool, moist weather of fall, winter and early spring. Its strong growing roots enable it to secure nourishment in many soils so poor and thin that red clover would fail entirely. While requiring a warm climate, it will not endure severe drought. It thrives best on rich, rather sandy loam, but when the conditions of moisture and temperature are favorable it gives good results on light, sandy soils as well as on clays, if they are not too stiff and cold.

Crimson clover has come into prominence in this country within comparatively recent years. It can hardly be regarded as a successful crop outside of the region from New Jersey west to the Alleghany mountains and south to eastern Tennessee and Texas. Good crops are often obtained in other sections, but cannot be depended upon year after year. In the middle and south Atlantic states this clover is one of the best crops that can be grown for forage and soil renovation. It has given good results in many portions of the gulf states, but many failures are also reported. In the colder sections of the country this clover is sometimes successfully grown as a summer crop, but it usually winter kills badly when sown in the autumn. At the experiment stations in Rhode Island, New York, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, South Dakota, Nebraska and other states in the north and west the general results of tests show that it is too tender for the climate and is less valuable than red clover. From results recently obtained at the Alabama experiment station it seems very likely that in many cases, especially in the south, failures with the crop are to be attributed to the absence from the soil of the tubercle forming organisms which are necessary for the proper appropriation of nitrogen by the plant. These organisms being supplied to the soil, excellent crops were obtained where without them the result was a failure. These facts are a contribution by Agrostologist S. W. Williams in circular No. 17 to the investigation of grass and forage plants which the department of agriculture is pursuing.

Wholesale Weeding.

A correspondent sends The Rural New Yorker a photo showing how they use weeders in British Columbia. He says the wheat in this photo was four



WEEDING ON A BIG SCALE.

to six inches high and had been twice gone over with the weeder after the wheat was up. They keep these two tools at work until the wheat is too high and can easily go over 50 acres per day. It is light work on the horses.

The amount of crimson clover seed, per acre recommended by Dr. Pieters, the seed expert of the department of agriculture, is about 15 to 20 pounds. A sample that will give 90 per cent of strong spouts will go further than one germinating less than 50 per cent. Seed in the husk is sometimes used and with good results in dry weather. When this is used, more seed is needed, say a bushel per acre.

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GOOD ROADS TAX.

State Aid System Is the Most Equitable and Feasible.

"It is absolutely impossible for the farmers alone to provide a system of good roads. The cost is altogether too great, and unless substantial help is furnished them, upon some reasonable basis, progress in road building will continue to be slow and unsatisfactory," says Otto Dorner, chairman of the L. A. W. highway improvement committee.

"The help which the farmers require in building roads should come from the cities. The cities are the great centers of wealth; they are the great markets in which business is done, the great distributing points for manufacturers and for agricultural products. Agricultural America has built them up and maintains them. The union between the cities and farming districts is close, upon a hundred different channels of trade. Each depends upon the other. What is more proper, therefore, than that the city should unite with the country in constructing and maintaining suitable and efficient means of communicating and transportation?

MAKE TRAVEL A BURDEN.

"But how can a tax be levied upon city property for expenditure in country districts for road building purposes? A city tax is out of the question, as much so as it would be to levy a town tax upon farm property for building sewers in a distant city. True, a county tax might be levied, a large share of which would be paid by the cities situated in the county, and which might be used for the building of roads in any locality within the county. But this is not sufficient, especially in the case of large cities like Chicago, New York, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Minneapolis and Baltimore. Their interests extend far beyond the counties in which they are situated. Indeed, the cities themselves constitute the greater part, or nearly all, of the taxpaying property included in these counties. They may properly contribute to the cost of building roads in all the territory from which they draw their trade."

"The best method yet devised for levying taxes upon city property for the purpose of building country roads is by the medium of a state tax. This is levied upon city and country property alike, upon all classes of people, so that every locality, every taxpayer, contributes proportionately, according to the amount of property owned, the wealthy property owners contributing the largest amounts."

ROAD REFORM.

The Automobile as a Factor In Highway Improvement.

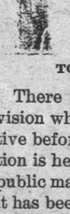
The department of agriculture is doing an admirable work in seeking to educate the farmers to the point of appreciating the commercial value of fine highways. The various experiment stations are constructing sample roads and demonstrating that the difference between a mud rut and a smooth, compact hauling surface means a difference between loss and profit in the transportation of farm produce to market, but the course of this propaganda is slow in comparison with the necessities of the case. There is a vast deal of ground to be covered and many stubborn prejudices and much dense ignorance to be overcome.

The wheelmen are responsible for a marked improvement in several lines of travel. The entrance of the automobile as a factor for good roads is to be heartily welcomed. This new vehicle appeals for the present chiefly to men of means. It will doubtless arouse interest among citizens who have had no part in the bicycle development of the past years and who are not in a position otherwise to realize the agricultural necessities in regard to good roads.

The general use of automobiles by this class of citizens will thus supplement the other factors for highway improvement which have been steadfastly laboring of late and may result in such legislation as will materially advance the prospect of the good time to come when it will be possible to crisscross the maps of all the states with the lines of such thoroughfares as are today to be found in abundance in Europe.

The Road Grader.

The peculiar feature of a road grader is that it cuts away the dirt at the side of the road and draws it up into the middle, thus producing a ditch at each side and a slope in each direction from the center. At the same time it will cut away the dirt to just the proper depth and no deeper. In this particular its work differs from that accomplished by the use of plows, shovels or hand scrapers. The road grader leaves a smooth, regular surface, giving the road the proper contour. A dirt or gravel road can be put into excellent shape by running the grader repeatedly over it. Care should be taken first to remove brush and rubbish from the side of the road, that the grader may not carry it into the traveled roadway.



A Safe Prescription.

Where roads are bad
A little gravel
Well used will add
To joys of travel.
—L. A. W. Bulletin.

TO FIRST VOTERS.

There is a constitutional provision which will become operative before the next general election is held, of which the general public may not be aware, although it has been published in connection with the Constitutional Convention. It is an educational test. It is "that no person who becomes of age or who is naturalized after January 1st, 1900, shall be permitted to vote who shall not be able to read the Constitution in English, and be capable of writing his name."

Many School Children are Sickly.

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Inquiry of Endeavorers and Leaguers

The TRANSCRIPT desires to have answers to the following query from members of the Christian Endeavor and Epworth League Societies: Months ago the TRANSCRIPT inserted a column upon the Sunday School Lessons which are so generally used. It is presumed these comments are read and are appreciated by members of the Sunday Schools and Bible students. Subsequently comments upon the weekly topics of the Christian Endeavor societies and also those of the Epworth League were introduced. The query is, "Are these found to be useful or do the many special papers and helps so abundantly furnished the societies do away with the necessity for these newspaper comments?" If so, the space can probably be devoted to something of more general interest. Answers are desired. A postal card will fill the bill.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON IX, FOURTH QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, NOV. 26.

Text of the Lesson, Prov. xxiii, 29-35—Memory Verses, 29-32—Golden Text, Prov. xx, 1—Commentary Prepared by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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29. "Who hath woe?" The world is full of sorrow because of sin, but the sorrows are greatly increased by strong drink and opium. I have often wondered why the last great promise in the Old Testament, that the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, should be immediately followed by the words, "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that puttest the bottle to him (Hab. ii, 14,15), unless it be that this is one of the greatest hindrances to the coming of the kingdom. Among the six woes of Isa. v two refer to those who are given to wine or strong drink (verses 11, 22), and it is added, "They regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of His hands; they have despised the word of the Holy One of Israel." The only deliverance is found in Him who allowed the sins of the world to be laid upon Him, who became sin for us, wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities (I John ii, 2; II Cor. v, 21; Isa. liii, 5, 6). His wounds were indeed without cause, that our wounds with cause might be healed. Let the drunkard and the opium fiend and every sinner see Him suffering for their sins, and His love will break the hard heart.

30. "They that tarry long at the wine." Every form and phase of self indulgence, whether in eating or drinking or business or pleasure, whatever makes self and self interest the center rather than Christ and His interests, are on the same line as those who tarry long at the wine. When those who are given to any form of intemperance (lack of self control) seek to rescue others from their phase of intemperance, the work might be more successful if Math. vii, 1-5, were well considered and acted upon. The beam in one's own eye is a great hindrance to getting the mote out of a neighbor's eye. Christ at the center is the only remedy for a self centered life. His love is better than wine (Song i, 2). He has saved some of the worst, and He is able to save to the uttermost and evermore all who come unto God by Him (Heb. vii. 25). See in I Cor. vi, 10, 11, some samples of those who have been saved and who therefore can be saved. Let those who can truly say, "The Son of God loved me and gave Himself for me" (Gal. ii, 20) tell others of Him.

31. "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red." If the woman had refused to look upon the tree concerning the fruit of which the Lord had said "Thou shalt not eat of it," she would not have received such perverted vision as to make her think that the fruit of the tree was good for food, pleasant to the eyes and a tree to be desired to make one wise (Gen. ii, 17; iii, 6).

32. "At the last it biteth like a serpent." There are ways the end of which is heaviness and death, and there is a way the end of which is peace and glory (Prov. xiv, 12, 13; Ps. xxxvii, 37, 38; Math. vii, 13, 14). The reaping shall be life everlasting or corruption, peace or the whirlwind (Gal. vi, 8; Hos. viii, 7). Since it is certain that God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or evil (Eccl. xii, 14), how blinded by our great enemy must all those be who, like Esau, regard not the future because of some present gratification. What a contrast is seen in Moses, who for the sake of the future renounced all the pleasures of sin (Heb. xi, 24-26).

33. "Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things." See Samson and Delilah (Judg. xvi, 4, 19) and consider Samson's strength when he was a Nazarite, wholly for God, and his helplessness and suffering when he allowed this love to come between him and God. The Church, the Body and Bride of Christ, is spoken of as a chaste virgin (II Cor. xi. 2) and as a woman arrayed in fine linen, clean and white (Rev. xix, 8), but the apostate church is compared to a woman on a scarlet colored beast, arrayed in purple and scarlet, decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness. Believers who are asleep, as Samson or Jonah or Simon Peter, are liable to see and to say strange things.

34. "Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast." Either of these situations are suggestive of the words of David to Jonathan when Saul sought his life. "Truly as the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death." One is apt to think of this when out at sea. I often thought of it in passing over the 20,000 miles of ocean last year and the 19,000 of the year before, as well as on former ocean voyages, but it is equally true in traveling by rail or in the quiet everyday life at home. We know not what shall be on the morrow, therefore it becomes us to say, if the Lord will, we shall live and do this or that (Jas. iv, 14, 15). A saved person may well go on in perfect peace, for with the assurance of sins forgiven, that to die is gain, and to be with Christ is very far better, the step that would usher him into the presence of the Lord is not to be dreaded (Isa. xliii, 25; Phil. i, 21, 23; II Cor. v, 8). But how an unsaved person, knowing that the next step may be out of this world, and that means torment and cut off from God forever, can go on at all in an unsaved state is not easily understood except we remember that the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not (II Cor. iv, 4).

35. "When shall I awake? I will seek it yet again." The insatiable flesh that can never get enough says, "We will fill ourselves with strong drink, and tomorrow shall be as this day and much more abundant." (Isa. lvi, 11, 12.) They neither feel nor see the hand of the Lord stretched out in mercy to them; they regard not His chastenings nor heed His entreaties. If they do well a little while, they soon turn, like the dog to his vomit and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire (II Pet. ii, 22). This makes us think of another, ii, 22, in Isaiah, where the vanity of man, his utter nothingness apart from God, is strikingly stated. So full is the natural man of sin that, "though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle yet will not his foolishness depart from him." (Prov. xxvii, 22.) If only he would allow the Lord to awaken him and show him his danger and the only remedy that he might seek the Lord and his strength.

UNJUST TO THE FARMER.

Cost of Roads Should Not Fall on Him Alone.

With all the advance of thought in the direction of better highways, there are still many who believe that their cost must necessarily fall upon the agriculturist, says Otto Dorner, chairman of the L. A. W. highway improvement committee. Just as the farmer was the pioneer settler in most of the states, so he has been the pioneer road builder. At his town meetings he has determined where new roads should be laid out, which of them should be "worked" and improved and how much of a tax should be expended upon each improvement. As it was left to him to plan this important work, so its expense has rested almost entirely upon his shoulders. Now that the cry for macadamized highways is to be heard in the city and country alike farmers believe, as a rule, that they are to be called upon to build them.

This is wrong. Farmers have enough in the way of taxes to pay without undertaking the building of elaborate gravel and stone roads. It is unfair that such a burden should be added to their already heavy load. Whatever may be undertaken in the way of constructing permanent highways should be done at the expense of those who are to reap its benefits. True it is that the saving in the cost of hauling crops would be considerable and that this saving would result almost entirely to the farmer. But that is no reason for asking him to pay the cost of building such roads. He is not the only one to use them. They serve to bring city people and city products into the country as much as they serve to bring country people and country products into the city. The merchant who has business with the farmer is as much benefited through a good road to travel over as is the farmer who comes to town on business of any kind. Neither is the use of roads limited to those living in the vicinity, and travelers from a distance share the benefits resulting from their improvement. It would be the height of injustice, therefore, to ask the farmer alone to stand the cost of good roads.

The proper division of the cost of good roads has been accomplished through state aid.

GOOD ROADS LESSON.

Cotton Growers Learn the Value of Improved Highways.

"It appears, as the result of careful investigation, that it costs in the United States just about three times as much to market our farm crops as it does in European countries, where good roads have been built," says Otto Dorner, chairman of the L. A. W. highway committee. "Farmers there are able to make their loads three times as great as ours, owing to better roads.

"But we are not obliged to go to Europe for illustrations as to good roads, for we have fortunately a few localities in our own country which furnish such examples. Mecklenburg county, N. C., not long ago began the construction of a system of macadam roads. It was customary there to load up two bales of cotton on a wagon to be hauled by a mule team. The mules could draw this load very well during dry weather. After a rain, when the roads were soft, the load was too much for even a pair of tough mules. After the county had begun to build roads this load was doubled several times, and it was found that the same two mules were able to haul as much as 12 bales, or 6 tons, in place of their former load, which amounted to only a single ton. And, more, the improved roads made it possible to haul this load in wet and dry weather alike, for, being properly built of stone, they were fit for use immediately after a heavy rain."

FAVOR GOOD ROADS.

Wisconsin Begins to Feel the Need of Better Highways.

The last Wisconsin legislature passed a law permitting towns to purchase roadmaking machinery on time payments, and also passed a resolution providing for an amendment to the constitution permitting of state aid in roadmaking. This resolution will have to be passed by the next legislature and then submitted to the people. After that any legislature can pass the necessary laws.

From the way in which the movement is progressing there seems now no doubt that the amendment will be passed and adopted. Even before that time, at the present rate of progress, there may be many miles of improved highways in the state. Once the farmers of the state have become convinced that good roads are a necessity for their betterment, the good roads movement will pass out of the experimental stage into one of accomplished fact. It begins to look as though that time was very near, even if it has not now arrived.

Handicapped by Mud.

The movement for good roads deeply concerns every commercial, financial and social interest in the land. We are handicapped in all the markets of the world by an enormous waste of labor in the primary transportation of our products and manufactures, while our home markets are restricted by difficulties in rural distribution which not infrequently clog all the channels of transportation, trade and finance.

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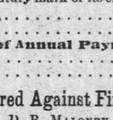

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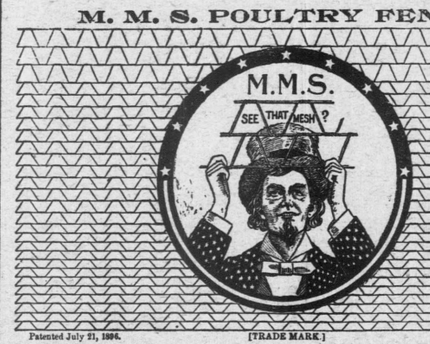

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Philadelphia	27 25	10.20	21.52	3.46	5.59	11.16
Baltimore	4.10	9.15	12 05	1.46	4.20	7.53
Wilmington	8.13	11.04	2.35	4.27	6.58	12.11
Farnhurst	f 8.22		f 2.44		7.07	
New Castle	8 27		2 49	4.39	7.12	
State Road	f 8.33		f 2.54		7.17	
Bear	f 8.38		f 2.59	f 4.48	7.22	
Porter	8.45		f 3.04	4.52	7.28	
Kirkwood	8.50		f 3.09		7.33	
Mt. Pleasant	8.59		f 3.17		f 7.41	
Armstrong	f 9.03		f 3.21		f 7.45	
Middletown	9.08	11.50	3.26	5.18	7.51	12.54
Townsend	9 17		3.34	5 28	7.59	
Blackbird	f 9.22		f 3.39		f 8.04	
Gr'n Spring	f 9.27		f 3.45		f 8.10	
Clayton	9 33	12.07	3.51	5.42	8.16	1.12
Smyrna..LV	9 23	11.57	3.41	5 21	8.06	
Brenford	f 9.38		f 3.59		f 8.21	
Cheswold	f 9.43		f 4.04		f 8.27	
Dupont			f 4.07			
Dover	9.58	12.23	4.14	5.59	8.37	1.31
Wyoming	10.05	12.29	4.20	6.05	8.43	a 1.39
Woodside	f 10.11			f 6.11	f 8.50	
Viola	f 10.15			f 6.15	f 8.54	
Felton	10 20			6.20	8.56	a 1.53
Harrington	10 34			6.33	9.10	2.05
Farmington	f 10 42			f 6.41	f 9.18	
Greenwood	f 10.50	f 1.08		f 6.49	f 9.26	
Bridgeville	10.58	f 1.16		6.57	9.34	a 2.29
Cannons	f 11 03			f 7.02	f 9.39	
Seaford	11.13	1.27		7.11	9.48	2.41
Laurel	11.23	f 1.37		7.21	9.58	a 2.53
Delmar	11.33	1.46		7.30	10.08	3.05

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Delmar	11.08		7.00	9.00	2 15		3.30
Laurel	f 1.21		7.11	8.10	2.25		3.41
Seaford	1.34		7.23	8.24	2 35		3.56
Cannons			f 7.31	f 8.31			f 4.04
Bridgeville	f 1.48		7.37	8.37	f 2.46		4.11
Greenwood			f 7.45	f 8.45	f 2.54	f	4.19
Farmington			f 7.53	f 8.53		f	4.27
Harrington	2.:3		8.05	9 06	3.08		4.40
Felton	f 2.33		8.14	9.16	3.18		4.49
Viola			f 8.18	f 9.20		f	4.53
Woodside			f 8.22	f 9.24		f	4.57
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Brenford		f 7.18		f 9.53		f	5.25
Smyrna..LV		7.15	8.49	9 50	3.41		5.21
Clayton	3.09	7.25	8.53	10.00	3.54		5.31
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